(ख) स्वीकृत विपणन योजनाओं के अनुसार डीलरों/डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरों का चयन करने के लिए मध्य प्रदेश और उड़ीसा के लिए अलग-अलग तेल चयन बोर्डों का गठन किया गया है ।

(ग) वर्ष 1991 में जिला रायगढ़ के जशपुर में एक खुदरा बिक्री केन्द्र की डीलरशिप स्वीकृत की गई थी । अब इस संबंध में स्थगन आदेश हटा लिया गया है और खुदरा बिक्री केन्द्र को [illegible] करने की अनुमति दे दी गई है ।

Procurement of Spares by ONGC

3718. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the prescribed norms for inventory holdings of stores and spares by ONGC is the consumption requirement for 9 months and 18 months respectively;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ONGC has been procuring excess spares much more than the prescribed norms of inventory holding;

(c) whether ONGC continues to procure spares in excess of its consumption despite the ban on procurement of spares due to inventory being much more than the norms, if so , what is the value of "material in transit"; and

(d) the actions taken by Government to optimise the value of material in transit and also the action taken against the officials who have continuosly been procuring spares despite ban on it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA : (a) These norms were reduced to 9 and 18 months respectively in 1990 from the earlier norms of 12 and 24 months respectively.

(b) and (c) Although the present holdings of spares is in excess of the prescribed norms, the procurement of spares is under control and is on an average only 20% above the consumption. This is a reasonable buffer warranted by operational requirements. The ban on procurement of spares was imposed by ONGC in 1987 to control inventory by effecting essential and judicial procurement. Nevertheless, purchase of spares for meeting operational requirement was allowed with the specific approval of Regional Director. The value of Material-in-Transit was Rs. 187.51 crores as on 31-3-92.

(d) Efforts have been made to minimise the time for various activities involved in clearance of material, once it is received at port and for onward despatch to the project so as to reduce the material in transit.

Import of Crude Oil and Petroleum Products

3719. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what was the initial estimate of import of crude oil and petroleum products during 1992-93 and the estimated cost of the same.

(b) what is the revised estimates of import of these items during 1992-93 due to slippages in domestic crude oil production and what is the revised estimated cost of the same; and

(c) the manner in which the extra finances would be met by Government and to what extent it would have adverse impact on the balance of payments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH